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Report of the Lyndeborough S. School Committee,

For the Year Ending March, 1858.

Having performed the duties imposed upon me as Superintending School Committee of Lyndeboro', I submit to my fellow-citizens the following Report, which will show the disposition of your School Funds, so far as they have come under my supervision, and the comparative success of the Teachers, to whom, for a brief period, you were pleased to commit the education of your children.

The amount raised by the Town for the support of schools the last year, was $841,52, which was divided among the districts as follows: — No. 1, $125,04; No. 2, $109,00;— No. 3, $122,46; No. 4, $56,20; No. 5, $73,29; No. 6, $105,14; No. 7, $99,78; No. 8, $55,84; No. 9, $57,81; No. 10, $36,96.

Whole sum expended exclusively for teaching, $779,23; leaving for repairs, wood, &c., $62,29; the disposition of which is known to the several Prudential Committees.

Whole number of scholars attending school during the year, 196; average number, 157. The average number to a teacher in the Summer, 18 3-5; in Winter, 20 5-6.

Number of teachers employed in summer, 10, all females; number in winter 10, of which 4 were males.

Number of visits made by S. S. Committee, 37. Total expense of 37 visits, examining teachers, making reports, and filling returns to State, $39,00.

Having submitted these statistics, I will now proceed to a more detailed account of the several schools.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer School, taught by Miss Mary F Perkins, commenced May 18th, and kept 10 weeks. Amount of Teacher's wages, $42,50. Average attendance 28. A fair school.

Winter Term, taught by Mr. Frank G. Clark, commenced Nov. 23d, and continued 10 weeks. Average attendance, 36. Amount of teacher's wages, $82,50. A decidedly profitable school. Mr. Clark bids fair to make his mark as a teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer School, taught by Miss Frances A. Holt.—Length of School, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 21. Amount of teacher's wages, $35,00. Miss Holt is quite a successful teacher, and gave very general satisfaction to a district where good teachers are always in demand.

Winter School.–Teacher, Mr. Alvah R. Potter. Length of school, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 20; average number, 14 $\frac{15}{53}$. Amount of teacher's wages, $66,25.—Mr. P. has a good education, and is very well appearing, but lacks the energy and tact requisite in No. 2. The school was profitless in our judgment.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer School, taught by Miss Maria S. Stevens.—Length of school, 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 32.—Amount of teacher's wages, $36,00. Miss Stevens is a good teacher, and did well for this school. Parents take too little interest, and some of the children are hard for a female to govern.

Winter School, was kept by your Committee. Length of school 10 1-2 weeks. Number of scholars, 31. Amount of wages $78,75. Most of the scholars manifested a good degree of interest in the school, and made very commendable progress in study. One or two of the most delinquent were trained into respect for their place and teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Teacher, Miss Clara A. Sawyer. Length of school, 6 weeks. Wages per month, inclusive of board, $13,00—Average attendance 10 $\frac{2}{3}$. A very pleasant school. Miss Sawyer had never taught before, but made a very acceptable beginning.

Winter Term, was kept by Miss Martha Hill, who was well-known in the district, having taught in it several terms before. Her education, experience, and tact, unite to render her a very valuable instructress. Length of school, 9$\frac{1}{2}$ weeks. Number of scholars, 19. Wages per month, $15,00.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Summer Term, taught by Miss Nellie W. Stayner. Whole

number of scholars, 21. Average attendance, $17\frac{28}{45}$. Whole length of school, 8 weeks. Wages per month, including board, $12,00. A very good school. Miss Stayner made this her first attempt, and was equal to the task. In the judgment of your Committee, Miss S. will make "A No. 1" teacher.

Winter Term, taught by Mr. Albert O. Houston, who, as his predecessor, made this his first effort at teaching.—If there was any lack of good order, it was not for a want of kindness and labor on the part of Mr. H. He was deeply interested in the welfare of school and pupils, and with a fair chance would prove abundantly successful. Number scholars, 20. Length of school, 8 weeks. Amount of teacher's wages, $46,00.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Teacher, Miss Eliza A. Robbins. Length of school, 10 weeks ; whole number scholars, 16 ; average number, 15. Teacher's wages, $15,00 per month, board inclusive. This school has some very interesting scholars, and the parents take much interest in their school, which was very interesting on the last examination day. Miss Rollins is an able teacher, and gave good satisfaction in this district where she had taught one term before.

Winter School, taught by the same, Miss Eliza A. Robbins. Length of term, $10\frac{1}{2}$ weeks ; whole number scholars, 29 ; average, $25\frac{1}{2}$. Wages, 21,00 per month. There was some difficulty, for a time, in this school, which, nevertheless, did not destroy its usefulness. By personal efforts, and the hearty co-operation of friends, Miss R. succeeded in overcoming the adverse circumstances, and in closing the term with credit to her reputation as a teacher, and advantage to the district.

DISTRICT NO 7.

Summer Term, taught by Miss Lucy K. Spalding.—Length of term 10, weeks ; amount of teacher's wages, $35. Average number scholars, 14. A good school ; commendable examination.

Winter Term, taught by the same, Miss Lucy K. Spalding. Length of school, 11 weeks. Amount of teacher's wages, $55,00. Number scholars, 22 ; average, 17. Miss Spalding's valuable services were appreciated in this district, and it is not saying too much for her, that, as a teacher, she is second to no one in the town.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Summer School, was taught by Miss Martha E. LeBosquet. Length of school, 10 weeks; number scholars, 8.—Wages, $7,00 per month. Miss LeBosquet, though reluctant to take the school, did very well; gave satisfaction generally, and all appeared well at the closing examination.

Winter School, taught by Miss Frances A. Jaquith.—Length of school, 10⅓ weeks; number scholars, 12; average, 8. Wages per month, $13,00. There are some excellent scholars in this school, and at the closing examination there were manifest evidences of good improvement, and a school profitable to the district.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer Term, taught by Miss Frances F. Holt. Length of school, 8 weeks; number scholars, 6. Amount of teacher's wages, $16,00. Too small a school to be of much interest or profit. It could not fail to be well conducted.

Winter Term, taught by Miss Nellie W. Stayner, is still in session. It began late with only 5 scholars in the district. There are six or seven scholars attending from Greenfield. The school is to keep 9 weeks from commencement. Am't of wages, $27,00. Have visited it twice. Appears well.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Taught by Miss Julia A. Kingsbury, both Summer and Winter. Summer term kept 12 weeks, with 7 scholars on Lyndeboro' side. Wages of Teacher, $15,00.

Winter Term, also, kept 12 weeks, with an average of 9½ scholars from Lyndeboro'. Amount of teacher's wages for 12 weeks, $21,96. Miss Kingsbury kept a profitable school, Summer and Winter, and few schools could appear better.

REMARKS.

Many of our school houses are unfit for the object for which they are intended. Three or four of them ought to come dawn, and new, comfortable buildings go up in their places. It cannot be good policy to torture children in such rickety, rotten shells.

The Prudential Committees have generally been fortunate in the selections made of teachers, the past year, and so have rendered good service to the town.

E. J. EMERY, Superintending Committee.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 26, 1858.

Produce and Articles Sold.

Milk sold,	218 45	
Calves sold, 32 22; Stock sold, 178 00,	210 22	
Pork, Ham, and Lard sold,	18 96	
Sundries sold,	4 64	
Corn sold, 38 00; Beans sold, 2 50; Lumber sold, 2 75;	43 25	
Wheat sold, 3 00; Due for use of Devon Bull, 15 00,	18 00	
Rec'd for boarding Charles Hill,	1 00—	514 52
Inventory of 1858,	954 94—	1469 46
Bills remaining unpaid March 1st, 1857.	34 00—	1503 46

Cash Paid Out.

Store bills,	70 47	
Medical attendance,	2 73	
Paid R. C. Boutwell's bill for diging grave,	1 75	
" Dea. J. Goodrich for diging grave,	1 00	
" for labor at Farm,	26 52	
" Sundry small bills,	2 33	
" For Stock bought,	185 00	
" " Plough and points	8 61	
" " Seed Wheat,	9 00	
" " Pigs,	6 00	
" " Pork barrel,	75	
" " Rye &c.,	9 33—	323 49

Bills Unpaid.

Store bill due Division 566,	14 25	
Due Dr. Wm. Jones for medical attendanee	12 77	
" Dr. I. Herrick for medical attendance,	1 67	
" Nelson Kidder for blacksmithing,	7 27	
" Josiah Wheeler for Coffins &c.,	6 00	
" J. Stephenson for thrashing and making cider,	4 69	
" Levi Spalding for beef and tallow	21 78	
" S. Proctor, Superintendent on Farm	195 00	
" Ebenezer Fisk for services as Overseer,	13 04	
" John Richardson " " "	12 48	
" For Insurance,	3 32—	615 76

Cash paid for Paupers off of Farm.

Paid Town of Amherst for support of Amos Haggett and Expense	145 82	
" For Mrs. Flint and Family,	36 50	
" " Support of Mrs. Putnam, Nashua,	17 91	
" " George A. Putnam,	25 00	
" " Assistance to Nathan Fisk and Family,	8 00	
" Expense to Nashua, for J. Hartshorn,	1 25—	850 24
Inventory of 1857,		992 36
		1842 60
		1503 46
Balance against the Town,		339 14

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EBENEZER FISK, }
JOHN RICHARDSON, } Overseers of the Poor.

Lyndeborough, Feb. 27, 1858.

The Selectmen of Lyndeborough ask leave to submit the following Report:

Amount of money in the treasury as by last year's report,	335 78	
Received into the treasury since last report,	6556 84—	$6892 62

Money due the Town.

Due on Collector Goodrich's List,	1259 51	
Balance due on note of R. Chamberlain,	137 91	

Interest due on School Fund.

On Note of D. C. Grant,	4 05	
" " " R. Chamberlain,	8 45	
" " " Jacob Butler,	3 74	
" " " David Holt,	12 36	
Railroad Tax for the years 1856 and '57,	59 12	
Balance in the Treasury March 1st, 1858,	482 70	
Total available means of the town,		$1967 87

Expenditures.

Paid to the several School Districts.

To School District No. 1,	125 04	
" " " 2,	109 00	
" " " 3,	122 46	
" " " 4,	56 20	
" " " 5,	73 29	
" " " 6,	105 14	
" " " 7,	99 04	
" " " 8,	55 84	
" " " 9,	19 50	
" " " 10,	36 96	
Total,		$802 47

Expense of Building and Repairing Highways.

Road near William W. Curtis.

Land damage to Wm. W. Curtis,	113 00	
" " Joel Perham,	130 03	
Building the road,	299 66—	542 69

Road near John Perham.

Land damage to John Perham,	100 00	
Building said road,	62 75—	162 75

Road near M. D. Langdell.

Land damage to B. & B. Crosby,	260 76	
" " Jacob Butler,	88 00	
" " Jotham Stevenson,	207 50	
Building said road,	902 55—	1458 81

Extra expenses for repairs on Highways

Expended on the Forrest road,	127 88	
" in District No. 18,	20 00	
" " " 10,	8 12	
" " " 14,	12 60	
" " " 17,	3 25—	171 85

Building Bridges the past year.

Bridge near Newell Mill,	125 00	
Bridge near Hiram Crams,	55 00—	180 00
Total amount of money expended in building and repairing Highways the present year,		$2516 10

For breaking paths the present year.

To Hermon Abbott,	District No. 7	1 30	
Nathan Richardson,	" " 3	1 85	
George H. Blood,	" " 11	2 20	
Daniel Proctor,	" " 8	7 60	
Asa Hill,	" " 6	3 00—	15 95

Notes against the Town.

John F Holt,	Note and Interast,	124 67	
George Spalding,	" "	87 98	
Jotham Hildreth,	" "	312 08	
Nathan Richardson,	" "	215 00	
Wm. S. Ramsey,	" "	1545 41	
John D. Butler,	" "	3490 78	
John Ramsey,	" "	513 82	
Isaac Giddeons,	" "	260 12	
Nat. T. McIntire,	" "	72 90	
Sarah Stiles,	" "	414 66	
Harvey Perham,	" "	113 32	
Samuel Jones,	" "	159 05	
Daniel Woodward, Jr.,	" "	106 00	
Mary Marsh,	" "	231 04	
Charles Parker,	" "	321 50	
Luther L Tarbell,	" "	104 58—	8072 91

Miscellaneous Expenses that the Town Owe.

Due to Benj. J. Clark, for wood and care of Town House	5 75	
E. J. Emery, Superintending School Committee,	39 00	
Oliver Bixby. Town Clerk,	15 00	
Josiah Wheeler, Town Treasurer.	10 00	
Jona. Stephenson, services as selectman, and money advanced,	80 21	
Chas. H. Holt, services as selectman and money advanced,	48 63	
W. W. Howard, for services and money advanced,	49 25	
Overseers of the Poor, services, Ebenezer Fisk,	13 04	
John Richardson,	12 48	
Due Aber K. Lewis, carrying Commissioners,	1 00	
Brackley Rose, breaking roads, as by last years report,	1 50	
School District No. 2, when collected,	21 25	
" " " 9,	38 31	
" " " 7,	74	
" " " 2, as by last years report,	21 44	
" " " 6, as by last years report,	1 18	
W. H. Grant, services,	75 00—	433 78
Jonathan Bailey, for gravel,	2 00	
Jotham Sephenson. work and plank,	7 50	
Charles H. Holt, per last years report,	1 25	
Milo Robins, work on highway,	12 60	
For breaking paths in the several districts,	15 95	
Jotham Stephenson for building road, when completed,	52 20	
John F. Holt. services upon road,	2 00	
Will be due J. H. Goodrich upon compl'g his collect'n,	40 00	
Wm. Jones for auditory report,	1 25	
" " carrying Commissioners,	1 25	
Balance againet the town on Town Farm,	339 14—	475 14
Total am't of indebtedness,		$8991 83

Bills paid by the Town the past year.

Paid J. L. Clark, Note and interest,	215 35
" D. C. Grant,	227 14
" Interest on Note of W. S. Ramsey,	60 00
" " " John D. Butler,	42 21
" Expense of road near J. Perham,	162 75
" " " " " W. W. Curtis,	542 69
" " " " " M. D. Langdell,	1406 61
" " on the several highways,	159 25
" " for bridges,	180 00
" to the several school Districts,	802 47
" to school Dist. No. 3 school house tax,	530 00
" " " " 6 " " "	86 00
" to Henry Grant, on account not reported last year,	50 00
" to Clark & Smith for services not reported last year,	50 00
" sundry persons for breaking paths, as reported last year,	609 86
" E. B. Claggett, services as sup. school Com. last year,	45 20
" J R. Wright, sup. poor farm,	144 88
" Samuel Jones, as reported last year,	142 41
" J. H. Tarbell, " " "	15 00
" R. Chamberlain, " " "	41 42
" " collecting taxes,	30 00
" J. F. Holt, as reported his due,	85 61
" S. Low, damages,	15 00
" Overseers of the Poor,	80 00
" Incidental purposes	283 17
Taxes abated on L. H. Woodward's list,	1 60
" " " Samuel Jones list,	45
Town Farm,	28 45
J. H. Goodrich list,	20 29
J. H. Holt's list,	7 48
J. Jones tax abated but not reported last year,	8 85
Total amount paid out,	$6074 14
Total indebtedness of the Town, March 1, 1858,	$8991 83
Deduct present available means of the town,	1967 87
Leaving the town indebted to the sum of	7023 96
State and County tax, 509 25	
Whole amount of tax assessed. 4062 17	

The foregoing is respectfully submitted by the subscribers,

JONATHAN STEPHENSON,
CHALES HENRY HOLT,
WILLIAM W. HOWARD,
} Selectmen of Lyndeboro'.

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM JONES, Auditor.

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